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SUBJECT: SAUVAGNARGUES ADDRESSES EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1. SUMMARY. SAUVAGNARGUES TOLD THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT THAT REALITIES OF THE EC WERE BLURRING THE LINE BETWEEN EC AFFAIRS AND POLITICAL COOPERATION. HE SAID THERE WAS MOVEMENT TOWARD A EUROPEAN UNION, BUT IT WAS SLOW. MAJORITY VOTING IN THE COUNCIL WAS UNDER STUDY FOR SOME ISSUES, BUT COULD NOT WORK ON THE BIG ONES. ON ENERGY HE SAID THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO COOPERATION WITH THE US AND JAPAN BUT THE EUROPEAN PROGRAM MUST COME FIRST. HE REAFFIRMED THE LIMITED OBJECTIVES OF THE  
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EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. END SUMMARY.

2. SAUVAGNARGUES ADDRESSED THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON OCTOBER 16 ON THE STATE OF THE COMMUNITY AND POLITICAL COOPERATION OF THE NINE. HE THEN REPLIED TO THE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS. THE TEXT OF HIS SPEECH AND RELATED PAPERS ARE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/RPE, DUTTON.

3. POLITICAL COOPERATION. SAUVAGNARGUES SAID HE DID NOT PLAN TO DRAW A FINE LINE BETWEEN POLITICAL COOPERATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AS SUCH. HE WAS PLEASED BY THE PROGRESS THAT HAD BEEN MADE IN POLITICAL COOPERATION BUT CHARACTERIZED IT AS ONLY A FIRST STEP. HE HOPED THAT DAY WOULD COME WHEN EUROPE COULD ADOPT A COMMON POSITION ON THE BIG ISSUES.

4. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPE. SAUVAGNARGUES WAS RATHER POSITIVE. HE SAID THERE WERE NO EQUIVOCATIONS ON THE COMMUNITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PARIS AND COPENHAGEN SUMMITS OF 1972 AND 1973 AND SAID "THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD SPARE NO EFFORT TO HELP THE COMMUNITY MOVE TOWARDS EUROPEAN UNION, WITH REALISM, TO BE SURE, BUT ALSO WITH DETERMINATION." HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PROGRESS WAS SLOWERE THAN HE WOULD LIKE. HE SAID THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WAS CURRENTLY STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF MODIFYING THE RULE OF UNANIMITY IN THE COUNCIL AND THAT SOME FLEXIBILITY WAS POSSIBLE. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT ONE HAD TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MAJOR DECISIONS WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE TO BE DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY SINCE IT WAS NOT REALISTIC TO EXPECT A COUNTRY TO ACCEPT DECISIONS WHICH WENT AGAINST ITS NATIONAL INTEREST. HE CAUTIONED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SUDDEN LEAPS FORWARD TOWARDS A EUROPEANS STATE--POLITICSLS IS THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE AND PUMPKINS DON'T TURN INTO CARRIAGES.

5. ENERGY. HE SAID IT WAS PERFECTLY NATURAL THAT THE ENERGY PROBLEM SHOULD BE SOLVED IN COOPERATION WITH THE US AND JAPAN BUT NOTED EUROPE'S UNIQUE VULNERABILITY AND REITERATED THE FRENCH POSITION THAT THE FIRST STEP HAD TO BE THE AGREEMENT ON A PROGRAM FOR THE NINE. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THEREFORE THAT THE 12 ECG COUNTRIES NOT BLOCK JOINT EUROPEAN EFFORTS.

6. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. SAUVAGNARGUES CITED THE EURO-ARAB UNCLASSIFIED

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DIALOGUE AS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF POLITICAL COOPERATION. HE ASSERTED THAT THE AMERICAN VETO HAD BLOCKED PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD FOR EIGHT MONTHS, BUT NOT THE NINE WERE PURSUING THE DIALOGUE VIGOROUSLY. HE INSISTED THAT THE NINE, AND HE PERSONALLY, HAD INFORMED THE ARABS IN JULY THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE DIALOGUE WAS THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS AND THAT IT WOULD NOT DEAL WITH THE OIL PROBLEM OR THE QUESTION OF ACHIEVING PEACE IN

THE MIDDLE EAST. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THERE WERE BROADER  
REPERCUSSIONS, HOWEVER, SAYING THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EURO-  
ARAB COOPERATION CONTRIBUTES TO THE STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE  
EAST. IN WHAT MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS A MILD THEREAT, HE  
SAID A NEW RISE IN THE PRICE OF OIL WOULD HAVE SERIOUS  
CONSEQUENCES WHICH COULD COMPROMISE THE POSSIBILITIES OF  
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE NINE AND THE ARABS.GREENWALD

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